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DEPT PLEASE PASS MINISTER JURICH

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SUBJECT: EC CHALLENGE TO US INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE

4, MFA

REF: A) GENEVA 6438; B) JURICH-SCHIFFMAN TELECON OCT 23

1. EMBASSY ECONCOUNSELOR TODAY (OCT 24) DISCUSSED EC CHALLENGE TO US INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 4 MFA (AT THE OCT 14 TSB MEETING--REF A) WITH FRG ECONMINISTRY'S TEXTILE EXPERT KUCHEL, IN ABSENCE FROM OFFICE OF ASSTSEC FRAU STEEG. KUCHEL "OWNED UP" TO FRG'S BEING BEHIND EC CHALLENGE, BUT ASSERTED THAT FRG NOT ALONE IN THIS AND THAT UK ALSO OPPOSES US INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 4. FURTHERMORE, KUCHEL SAID, EC SPOKESMAN IN GENEVA HAS THE CONSENT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY FOR THE POSITION HE HAD TAKEN. NO COMMUNITY MEMBER OBJECTED.

2. REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF DISAGREEMENT, KUCHEL SAID THAT FRG AND UK OPPOSE US INTERPRETATION-"SINCE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 4 IS CLEAR IN REQUIRING REAL RISKS OF MARKET DISRUPTION", WHICH IMPLIES SELECTIVITY, PRODUCT BY PRODUCT. KUCHEL DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US AND EC REPS DURING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW AN INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 4 PERMITTING, WHAT HE CALLED, "UMBRELLA AGREEMENTS", SUCH AS THE US HAD NEGOTIATED WITH INDIA, JAPAN, AND HONG KONG.

3. EMBCOUNSELOR TOLD KUCHEL THAT US VIEWS EC CHALLENGE AS SERIOUS PROBLEM, INVOLVING AS IT DOES A RENEGING OF AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED BY THE TWO SIDES DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE INFORMED KUCHEL OF JURICH'S READINESS TO COME TO BONN ON SHORT NOTICE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH FRAU STEEG.

4. SHORTLY AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, KUCHEL CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT FRAU STEEG PREPARED TO MEET WITH JURICH FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1500 HOURS (BONN TIME), OCT 25. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS JURICH MAKE PLANS TO KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT WITH FRAU STEEG. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AND PROVIDE TRAVEL PLANS.
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